

Judge Porter King  
Mrs. Elizebeth Arburthnot  
Marion, Alabama

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DISTRICT NO. 16

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**JUDGE PORTER KING HOUSE**  
Marion, Perry County, Alabama.

Ownership:

Present Owner: Mrs. J. W. Arbuthnot. From 1920  
to the present time.

Previous Owners: Dr. W. R. Barrow. From 1905 to 1920.  
Judge Porter King & Estate. From  
1856 to 1905.

Date of Erection: 1856.

Architect: Unknown.

Builder: Judge Porter King.

Present Condition: Good state of preservation; Remains as  
originally constructed and kept in good repair, many  
modern conveniences have been added. The old kitchen is  
connected to the house by a covered porch. The old  
carriage house and servants quarters are in good repair.

Number of Stories: Two.

Materials of Construction: Frame with tin roof; brick  
foundation. The framing used in the construction was  
shaped by the slaves with the adz. The floors are of  
8" heart of pine flooring; interior walls are of plaster  
and in perfect condition; exterior walls are of 6" heart  
of pine weather-boarding. It has two fanlight doors,  
and six round fluted columns to the front. There is a  
balcony to the second floor. Large sliding doors are  
between the dining room and the drawing room.

Other Existing Records:

Additional Data: The lawn was landscaped by an English archi-  
tect. There is a cedar of Lebanon about 40' tall at the  
right of the house. The yard contains many Japonica trees,  
oaks and magnolias.

Source of Material: Mrs. J. W. Arbuthnot, owner

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